

Licence fees from universities: November 2025 distribution

Background

In February 2023, Universities Australia and Copyright Agency reached a settlement agreement regarding the copyright licence fees (equitable remuneration) payable by the [39 universities represented by Universities Australia](#) until 2026. Under the agreement, equitable remuneration payable by the 39 universities (jointly) is as follows:

- 2023 and 2024: \$28.5 million per year
- 2025 and 2026: \$27.5 million per year

Changes since previous distribution

The pool for this distribution is smaller than the pool for the May 2025 distribution, which included additional funds from rollovers, and one-off additional funds from a deduction adjustment.

Move to annual distributions from 2026

From 2026, we will make one distribution a year of licence fees from the university sector. The next distribution will be in May 2026 (of licence fees for January to June 2026), and the one after that will be in May 2027 (of licence fees from July 2026 to June 2027). There will not be a distribution in November 2026.

Funds for distribution (approx.)

	\$m			
	Gross	Admin 16.5%	Cultural Fund 1.5%	Net
Licence fees invoiced for July to December 2025	13.75	2.05	0.21m	11.50

Distribution pools

	%
Publications (publishers of books, journals, newspapers, websites and writers/illustrators with book shares)	95%
Annual Artists Distribution	3%
Annual Writers Distribution (principally writers in periodicals, collected works)	2%
Total	100%

Pool proportions

The pools for the Annual Artists Distribution and the Annual Writers Distribution are based on analysis of past copying and allocations.

Data sources, selection and weighting for publications pool

Below is the data used for the amount remaining after amounts for writers and artists are set aside.

Data source/s	Criteria for data selection	Weighting
Recent survey data from universities	data from 4 universities from October 2024 to April 2025 (not previously used)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total copies per title, as reported in the new survey data, unless more than 40,000 or less than median • If less than median, median applied • If more than 40,000: cap of 40,000 per university faculty
Previous survey data from universities	titles in survey data from April 2019 to September 2024 that are not in the new data (previously used)	Median, based on past survey data

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